IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Udo KRUPKA) Group Art Unit: 1648
Application No.: 10/561,345)) Examiner: Zachariah Lucas
Filed: December 20, 2005))
For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN (HBsAg) VARIANT OF THE HEPATITIS B VIRUS) Confirmation No.: 5930)
Mail Stop Amendment	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 5.